GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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BAN ON RELEASE OF NEW LPG CONNECTIONS BY IOCL IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Oil Corporation Limited has instructed its LPG distributors in Bihar not to release any new connection ;

(b) if so, the facts thereof ; (

(c) whether the said corporation has also instructed the distributors in the State not to provide second cylinder to old customers ;

(d) if so, the reasons of shortage of LPG connections and cylinders in the State ; and

(e) the corrective steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) to (c) : Due to the inadequate inventories of cylinders with LPG distributors of Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) in Bihar company has advised its distributors to suspend the release of connections and Double Bottle Cylinder (DBC) to the customers temporarily.

(d) & (e) : Due to increase in steel price, producers of cylinders have defaulted in their supply to company. IOCL has floated a new tender to procure the cylinders to tide over the situation.